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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson  
Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT : McNamara Pacification Reorganization Proposal

1. Per our telephone conversation of this date, I am sending you as an attachment to this note a copy of the Director's memorandum to Secretary McNamara which we gave to Assistant Secretary McNaughton on 30 September. Mr. McNaughton came over to the Agency on that day to discuss this matter and get the flavor of our thinking.

2. From my conversations with you and Ambassador Unger, it is obvious that our separate reactions to this proposal are nearly identical. As I indicated, however, in any written exchange we would prefer to focus the Agency comments on those matters which fall within our parochial concerns and let you raise the larger issues. Our private opinions on these larger issues are, of course, very close to yours.

3. The Director has asked me to take charge of formulating and staffing out the Agency's position on this matter on his behalf. I think it would be useful if we kept in close informal touch and would appreciate your taking up with me any matters on this subject that you want discussed with the Agency.

George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment

cc: Ambassador Unger

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